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OUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing is to be bserved during the week of March 5 through March 23. This splendid terdenominational emphasis on the eeds of the world for relief and re-onstruction will be made by our hurches again this year. Special of-rings received for it will be sent to ur Committee on Relief and Recon-ruction and will be credited toward ur churches' goals for Our Christian Vorld Mission.

Materials for presenting the cause ave been sent directly to pastors or ay be ordered from the Missions ouncil, 287 Fourth Avenue, New ork. The money from the offerings hould be sent through the Confer-nce office clearly marked, "One Great four of Sharing."

There are six crisis areas calling for ur special consideration:

1. Korea, where at least 5,000,000 ave been made homeless by the war.

2. The Middle East, where 850,000 rabs have been displaced from their ncestral homes, 10% of them hristian.

3. India and Pakistan, where great reas are faced with famine for the econd consecutive year.

4. China, Indo-China, and Malaya, here 50,000,000 people have been prooted and are suffering almost con-nuous warfare and political upheaval.

5. There is still a difficult problem f displaced persons to be cared for n this country coming from Germany nd Austria.

6. In Turkey and Greece and Tri-ste there are many more refugees that eed food, clothing, and medical pplies.

Our Committee on Relief and Re-onstruction uses the modest resources hich our churches furnish in all of hese areas.

Educational Plans

Directors of Christian education rom nearly all of the forty Congrega-onal conferences across the nation et in Cleveland for three days prior o the Mid-winter meetings of the Missions Council. The directors dis-ussed their common concerns about outh work, leadership training, and trengthening the local church school, haring programs and materials from heir respective fields. Members of he national staff of the Division of hristian Education and of the Pilgrim ress shared forthcoming programs nd publications with the directors. Of pecial interest was the announcement f new Sunday evening program ma-erial for Pilgrim Fellowship due in larch, of a new Family Life Audio-Visual Kit now available, and of a ew evaluation of the work of the ocal Board of Christian Education o be released in June. George Lind-ay represented our Conference at the neeting.

CALAVERAS COUNTY—Mr. W. . Holladay will be examined by an cclesiastical council on March 14 ooking toward ordination. After a eriod of about four months in which ervices were held at 9:30 at Angels Camp and at 11:30 at Murphys, a witch has been made; and as expected ttendance at the 9:30 service goes own and at 11:30 it goes up.

THIS IS IT, FOR 1951

Our Christian World Mission moves forward. The very name has found acceptance among our people. Its financial results are heartening. Perhaps the most significant thing about it is the feeling of "togetherness" that has grown up among us—a conviction that we have a great common task and that we are all taking hold of it.

In this issue of Pacific we shall seek to answer the question which comes so frequently, "How did we come out in our giving in 1951?" Here is the story as far as the treasury of our Conference can report it:

For the American Board (Foreign Missions)	**$19,616.17**
For the Board of Home Missions and the Council for Social Action	**$21,645.16**
For Relief and Reconstruction	**$ 9,568.81**
For the State Conference, State Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	**$53,479.58**
Total for OCWM through Conference treasury	**$104,309.72**
Corresponding figure for 1950	**$ 93,943.09**

Gain, $10,366.63 or 11.3%

The 1950 gain over 1949 was 3,858.67 or 4.2%.

Some churches and individuals send their gifts directly to the treasuries of the Boards in Boston and New York. The Missions Council seeks to gather those figures for each conference and add them to the amounts reported and remitted by the conferences so that preliminary totals can be announced at the Midwinter Conference in Cleveland. The direct gifts thus reported from Northern California for 1951 were $7,066, making a grand total of $111,376 or a gain of 8.6%, which again exceeded the national gain which was about 6%.

The above items do not include the giving of our German churches except for the amounts sent through the Conference treasury for the per capita tax and one or two special gifts to the work of the Conference. The giving of our Northern California German churches to the regular denominational apportionment through their national treasury amounts to $2,481.57. In addition they gave $4,790.52 to their own special but no less important projects. Thus, Northern California churches will be credited with something like $113,858 for OCWM. Northern California people and churches also gave to the Christmas Fund for ministerial relief $1,998, thus through our fellowship a grand total of $120,646.

The amount which came in for the Conference of $53,480 was a gain of $11,691. During the last month of the year a troublesome and somewhat disturbing deficit was changed into a surplus. In recent years the Conference share of the apportionment dollar has been reduced from 54% to 52½% to 50%. The figures set forth above show that the Conference actually received 48%.

Two efforts within our fellowship should receive special credit: First, the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California that broke all records with their Thank Offering (Plus Gift), jumping from $3,972.21 to $5,217.84. The other was the plan advocated by the Conference Committee on OCWM, Rev. Benton S. Gaskell, chairman, of persuading and encouraging churches to accept goals which would enable us to raise our share of the total of $6,300,000 set for the churches of the entire country. We are still a long way from that share, but we are on the way.

Visitation

While Pacific is in process of being edited and printed, our Conference is having the benefit of a visit by Rev. Ira Black, secretary of the Department of City Work of the Board of Home Missions and expert on visitation evangelism. He is conducting a total of six campaigns in our Conference. On the week of February 3, he led such visitations at Hillcrest and Mira Vista, and on the week of February 10 at San Francisco St. John's and Pilgrim. After spending a week in the north, he will return for the week of February 24 at Modesto and Sierra Arden.

To the Snow

The third annual snow retreat of the United Student Fellowship at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe, will be held February 29-March 2. A chartered Greyhound bus will pick up students at San Mateo, San Francisco, Berkeley, and Sacramento. There will be fun, plenty of it, with skiing and other organized recreation. There will also be discussions, worship, and inspiration. Rev. David Stowe will be a resource leader. Arrangements are in the hands of Rev. Terence Stoker, 225 Tilton Avenue, San Mateo. Total cost will be $14 for bus, lodging, meals, side trips, and registration.

CAZADERO DAMAGE

Like most of California, Cazadero has received more than its share of rain this winter. So much so that two bridges on our camp road have been lost and another seriously weakened. The Cazadero Commission at its last meeting carefully considered the problem and has voted to re-route the old road, to eliminate all but two bridges over the main creek, and to build those bridges on driven piles. Work has already begun on the new section of the road, but the new bridges will not be constructed until next fall. Work camps this spring will have the opportunity of helping prepare for these bridges.

Pastoral Conference

By the time the Pacific reaches its subscribers, the annual Pastoral Conference will be about to begin or already on the way. It is predicted that our ministers will be in attendance almost 100%, availing themselves of the opportunity of hearing Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick and the other splendid speakers and leaders which the school has enlisted. The dates are February 19, 20, and 21. Most of the sessions will be at the University Christian Church with the evening lectures at the First Congregational Church.

FRESNO LEADS WAY

Another example of real Congregational statesmanship has been exhibited by one of our churches. This time the Fresno, First Church has taken an option on a five-acre site near the new Fresno State College campus. This option will be taken up provided an allocation is received from the Comity Commission of the Northern California - Western Nevada Council of Churches. The State of California is developing an entirely new campus to the northeast of the city of Fresno. At the present time some classes are being held on the new campus. Buses carrying students are shuttling back and forth. When the college is finally moved the old property will be used by a newly formed junior college.

Already subdivisions are being laid out and the county Planning Commission is active looking toward the development of beautiful residential subdivisions surrounding the new location of the college. This will certainly mean an opportunity for the beginning of a splendid new Congregational church. With farsighted wisdom, Rev. John H. Gregg, with the assistance of some of his lay people and the advice of Rev. Stanley U. North of the Board of Home Missions of New York and Supt. Harley H. Gill, selected a site upon which a temporary option has been taken. At the annual meeting of the church this action was approved and a committee of men who are members of the church and some non-members are seeking to raise the $10,000 necessary to purchase the property. Thus, when a sufficient number of people have moved into the area to warrant the beginning of work, a choice property will be available at a reasonable cost.

IT MUST BE DONE

The great problem which confronted all of the groups meeting at the Mid-Winter Meetings at Cleveland was the present inability of the Board of Home Missions to meet the opportunities and responsibilities which are arising out of the movement of population in the United States. The Building Society is over-appropriated by $350,000 and can be of help only to the extent that repayment on previous loans are made. The budget of the Board of Home Missions makes impossible the taking on of anything more than an occasional new project of church extension. The welfare and strength of all of the Boards depends upon new churches with their added giving power.

No decision was made, but a series of district discussion meetings are being planned so that representatives of Conferences and Associations will gather and face these serious problems and decide whether or not the whole situation should come before the General Council. Thirty years ago our churches rose to the occasion and raised the Pilgrim Memorial Fund of over $5,000,000. Again in the early forties $1,200,000 was raised for the Unit Plan, these funds together caring for our aged ministers. One wonders if the time has not come when again our churches should face up to a great task and respond with the raising of another $5,000,000, more or less.

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Forward Together

One of the most statesmanlike events that has taken place in many years was the study conference called by the Board of Home Missions, which included their own staff members and certain important committees and also the superintendents of all of the states. During the past thirty years and more Conferences have been growing stronger and taking over responsibilities previously carried by one or another of the boards which now together make up the Board of Home Missions. There have been some misunderstandings and some areas for which responsibility has not been clearly defined.

The present leadership of the Board of Home Missions is all for strengthening the state Conferences. The question before the house was where the Board of Home Missions could most usefully serve. There was unanimous agreement that the work of the American Missionary Association Division must continue. The Education Division is able to furnish materials and publications for the whole fellowship which individually Conferences could not do. The Congregational Church Building Department should remain as a national organization in order to furnish sufficient aid to churches in their building projects. The Department of Evangelism and Devotional Life is needed to lead the way for our entire fellowship. The Church Extension Division can have an overall strategy in watching population trends, being able to mobilize resources now here, now there. There are many other ways in which the Board of Home Missions has increasing opportunities and responsibilities, this all in spite of the growth of the state Conferences. The days of piecemeal effort are gone. There is better understanding and unified devotion in carrying forward our part of Christian work in the homeland.

HAYWARD, EDEN—This church has a budget of $37,000 for the coming year. At the annual meeting the Pilgrim Fellowship made their report by tape-recording from its president, who was recovering from polio. Four hundred thirty-eight are enrolled in the children's program. A "Learning for Life" series, with dinner speakers and with five seminars, is being held on Wednesday evenings. The seminars are on "Looking at Our World," "The Christian Family," "Christian Social Action," "Current Church Movements," and "Great Decisions." Rev. Richard C. Norberg and Rev. Verne A. Robinson are pastors.

VISUAL AIDS

The Kodachrome Library has had many fine accessions during 1951 which are available to churches and Sunday Schools that are members of the Kodachrome Cooperative. These items may be ordered from the Christian Education office of our Conference at 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4:

"Biggest Job in the World, "Story of Mrs. Henderson"—records on Sunday School teaching.

Nelson Old Testament slides.

Leadership Education Audio-Visual Kit, International Council, Religious Education, 10 strips and records (excellent for teacher training).

Strips on Paul (Cathedral), balance of set—"Visit at Corinth," "Third Missionary Journey," "Trial at Jerusalem," "Voyage to Rome."

Strips on Family Relations—"Making Home a Happier Place," "Getting Along With Our Parents," "Understanding Yourself."

Slides on the Holy Land (in color)—"Villages of Palsetine" (45), "Arts and Crafts of Palestine" (19).

Strip for Young Children—"Babes of Farm and Home."

Christmas Items

Illustrated Hymn Strips — "While Shepherds Watched," "The First Noel," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "O, Little Town," "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Dickens' Carol Strip (new).

"Christmas Around the World" (sound strip, colored).

Pilgrim Series Strips—"Our Church at Work Today," "Christian Living in Our World," "How and Why We Worship," "The Life of Christ" (2).

"Planning and Conducting the Vacation Church School" (66 frames).

"Giotto's Life of Christ" (colored strip, LIFE, 55 frames).

(From Missions Council)

"Let's Talk Turkey" (color sound filmstrip).

"The Waking Giant" (Mexico, sound filmstrip).

"A Visit to the City" (Puerto Rican children, colored strip).

"Christmas in Puerto Rico" (colored strip for children).

"My Name Is Pablo" (filmstrip based on motion picture, "Out of the Dust," Mexico).

"This Is Palmira" (new color filmstrip, children in Guadalajara).

"Boys of the Southern Mountains" (strip for children).

"Nonebah of the Navajos" (strip for children).

"Sumo, a Boy of Africa" (strip for children).

"Pick and Shovel Ambassadors" (color filmstrip, European Reconstruction, interdenominational).

Also, Miss Margaret Neumann, 6 S. Stockton Street, Lodi, will loan a new set of colored slides on Ryder Memorial Hospital in Puerto Rico (41 slides).

VENI, VIDI, VICI

Yes, all of the nine Northern California people arrived at the Cleveland meetings. Some flew over the snowstorms and others burrowed their way through the drifts, at least the railroad engines did it for them. The weather in Cleveland was not bad at all. All were cheered by the encouraging reports from Our Christian World Mission, but all were sobered by the need of doing something big for church extension.

ANTIOCH—While serving as Santa Claus, the pastor, Rev. Herbert E. Dimock, was handed a box containing a generous Christmas purse. Rev. Philip Murray, of Plymouth Church, Oakland, was speaker at the annual meeting.

OUR CHURCHES AND O. C. W. M.

Seldom has the Pacific presented with more sincere pleasure and appreciation the church-by-church report for the year from January 10, 1951, to Januaray 10, 1952, in comparison with those for the previous twelve months. The actual story of the total gains of the Conference appears on page 1. Ministers, treasurers, missionary committees, and members should rejoice in the gains that have been made; and those churches which reached their goals in actuality made it possible. Other churches undoubtedly did their very best. Increasingly may it be possible for all churches to adopt and reach their goals.

	App't '50	App't '51
Alameda	$1,243.65	$1,353.61
Alturas	248.81	416.98
Angels Camp	368.41	225.70
Antioch	636.94	919.00
Auburn	150.00	314.19
Benicia	50.00	233.05
Berkeley, Arlington	793.43	1,100.16
Chinese	60.07	64.50
First	12,357.06	12,524.43
North	1,692.30	2,021.41
Northbrae	400.00	400.00
South	773.62	980.36
Biola	46.08	49.92
Campbell	1,181.16	1,211.05
Cedarville	53.10	61.05
Cloverdale	106.36	100.00
Cotati	93.16	159.24
Crockett	159.47	205.80
Dinuba	1.00	1.00
Eagleville	25.00	96.53
El Cerrito	——	84.75
Elk Grove	189.43	309.98
Etna	63.20	213.80
Eureka	1,386.95	1,379.46
Fairfax	340.80	295.05
Ferndale	531.78	580.77
Fowler	75.00	75.00
Fresno, First	3,268.09	3,700.69
Free Cross	521.89	284.44
Japanese	81.25	115.00
Pilgrim Armenian	1,000.00	1,017.50
Zion	78.00	69.60
Glen Ellen	163.50	60.75
Guerneville	396.04	145.08
Hayward	2,500.00	3,083.10
Kenwood	70.77	45.07
La Selva Beach	——	91.09
Lodi, Ebenezer	166.76	51.04
First	3,499.29	3,454.85
Loleta	24.82	34.33
Loomis	200.00	421.68
Martinez	2,409.89	2,431.34
Modesto	136.00	75.69
Murphys	75.00	10.00
Niles	24.30	113.57
Oakland, Beth. Armenian	60.00	60.00
First	5,508.22	6,519.35
Fruitvale	84.00	70.00
Japanese	60.00	72.00
New Pilgrim	546.52	622.06
Plymouth	2,006.65	3,118.52
Orinda	1,558.52	1,825.27
Oroville	1,000.00	1,293.50
Pacific Grove	75.84	25.00
Palo Alto	4,228.00	4,524.5
Paradise	785.60	837.5
Parlier	35.00	——
Penngrove	175.26	15.4
Pescadero	26.45	11.7
Petaluma	1,579.15	1,606.3
Pittsburg	501.20	661.6
Pleasant Hill, Hillcrest	——	428.2
Port Chicago	35.00	38.1
Porterville	2,800.00	3,137.5
Redwood City	2,183.79	2,120.1
Reedley, Finnish	20.00	10.0
Rio Vista	50.00	100.0
Ripon	518.62	530.3
Sacramento, First	3,021.25	3,475.5
Sierra Arden	237.25	297.5
Salida	61.69	62.7
San Carlos	1,255.00	2,299.5
San Francisco—		
Bethany Miss. P'k	265.15	373.0
Calvary	——	55.0
Chinese	76.50	75.0
First	2,901.13	3,493.8
Park Presidio	1,023.65	805.6
Pilgrim	200.00	211.5
St. John's	19.02	198.4
Sanger	54.36	229.7
San Jose	2,060.00	2,127.1
San Leandro	284.23	354.3
San Lorenzo	17.69	98.3
San Mateo	5,000.00	5,152.5
San Rafael	182.15	451.7
Santa Cruz	1,309.41	1,276.2
Santa Rosa	583.23	351.3
Saratoga	952.97	924.3
Sebastopol	506.83	352.6
Sonoma	190.67	267.5
Soquel	221.61	172.5
Stockton	1,920.42	2,047.5
Suisun	140.00	180.1
Sunnyvale	130.85	167.7
Surrel	195.29	249.1
Tulare	1,559.00	1,513.75
Weaverville	200.00	235.75
Woodside	179.05	421.46
Reno, Nevada	892.51	721.08
Miscellaneous, including Thank Offering and individual gifts	6,821.98	7,457.64
TOTALS	$93,943.09	$104,309.72

The "Miscellaneous" item, it will be noted, includes the women's Thank Offering, which is reported in another column. The Pilgrim Fellowship contributions to OCWM are credited to the churches.

The figures set forth above opposite the names of our German churcehs do not include the bulk of their missionary money, which goes through the national German treasury and which is included in the following list:

	1950	1951
*Biola	$ 351.12	$ 568.12
*Dinuba	83.00	38.00
*Fresno, Free Cross	1,333.59	1,050.81
*Fresno, Zion	406.00	469.20
*Lodi, Ebenezer	508.08	537.09
*Sanger	216.23	346.25

There were in addition $157.85 in miscellaneous offerings. These were all for regular Congregational apportionment purposes. In addition, the churches gave a total of $4,790.52 for projects of their own general conference.

*These figures also include the item sent through the Northern California Conference appearing in the main list above.

OAKLAND, FIRST — The Christmas offering for church extension, to be administered by the Conference, amounted to $632.00. On New Year's eve there was a special service in the sanctuary led by Rev. Clarence Reidenbach. A buffet supper and party followed, with 325 people welcoming in the new year. Ninety-nine new members were received in 1951. On the Sunday opening Youth Week, young people were in charge and Mr. Robert Knowles, assistant in religious education, preached the sermon on "In the Daze of Thy Youth."

SANTA CRUZ—This church has needed a vigorous revision of membership rolls for many years. In the past two years nearly half of the total have been put on an inactive list, which now gives a basis for real growth. Rev. Ed Cunningham is minister. Our good friend, Ernest F. Otto, was adopted "Citizen of the Week," in RIPTIDE, a pictorial weekly. It hardly seems possible, but the calendar says that Ernest is 81 years of age.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE — During the interim pastorate of Rev. Ralph V. Conard there has been a reorganization of departments and the adoption of a new budget. The annual meeting was held, with many signs of progress and encouragement.

SAN FRANCISCO, ST. JOHN'S—A number of friends have made possible beautiful chimes with loud speaker in the tower. People living in the community have expressed happy appreciation of it. Other gifts for furnishings and for choir robes continue to pour in. At the annual meeting a full set of committees was named to carry forward the program of the church. This church is joining with Pilgrim Church in the conduct of a campaign of visitation evangelism. Rev. Horst R. Jeschke is pastor.

SKYLAND—The pastors of Santa Cruz, Soquel, and La Selva Beach, Rev. Ed Cunningham, Rev. T. Davis Preston, and Mr. William McReynolds, are going to take turns with Rev. Elmer Andersen, so that Skyland will have services every Sunday morning. Rev. Ralph V. Conard, pastor-at-large, was present at a budget meeting of the church, and a splendid start was made in spite of a very heavy storm.

STOCKTON — District meetings reaching every family in the parish are planned for the Lenten period. Both Rev. Noel J. Breed and Rev. Earnest Lidell plan to attend each meeting. Families are encouraged to attend church and Sunday School together and to enroll as 100% families. January's attendance was 32% above the same month a year ago.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

LODI, FIRST—A very impressive vice of recognition for the beginng of the pastorate of Rev. Ernest Fowler was held on the evening of uary 30. Mrs. E. B. Kientz, modtor of the Central Association, pre-ed and extended the right hand of owship for that Association. Rev. l F. Brost of the Ebenezer Church d the scripture. Mr. William Holay of Calaveras County offered the ocation. Rev. Ruben Huenemann the Reformed Church offered the yer of recognition following a tement by Mr. Fowler, and also exded welcome to the city and the urches of Lodi. The charge to the nister was given by Rev. W. H. L. rshall, who had served as interim nister. Superintendent Harley H. ll gave the charge to the church. . C. M. Currie, moderator of the urch, made a statement of the steps ding up to the call and extended welcome in behalf of the church the minister. The choir furnished propriate music, and a reception to Fowlers and visitors was held in social hall.

FRESNO, FIRST—Reports at the nual meeting showed that nearly 0,000 was received for all church rposes during 1951. This included, course, the building fund. Sixty ousand people had passed through e church doors. A budget of more an $40,000 was adopted, including e goal suggested by the Conference r benevolences for the coming year. v. John H. Gregg and Rev. Benjain T. Schwab are the pastors.

GLEN ELLEN - KENWOOD — welve members were received in Janry in the Kenwood church, making total of twenty-one for the year. wo new gas heating units have been stalled at Glen Ellen. The annual noma Valley festival of choir music ill be held at Kenwood February 17. ev. H. J. Loken is pastor and Rev. ude W. Hays, assistant.

LA SELVA BEACH — Rev. and rs. Seth Huntington of Salem, Oreon, are to be guests of this church Sunday evening, February 24. Mr. illiam McReynolds, pastor, was giv- leave for three Sundays to concenate on his school work at Pacific hool of Religion. Laymen conduct- one service, Rev. E. L. Spaulding nother, and the Y.M.C.A. secretary om Watsonville the third.

SURPRISE VALLEY—January was month of heavy snows. Public hools were closed more than a week. his also resulted in a cutdown of urch activities. Rev. C. A. McCalon reports that there may be an opportunity for some new work in Fort dwell, where Congregationalists had rganizations many years ago.

CAMPBELL—During the year just ast several improvements in the uilding were completed. Thirty-five ew members were received. The udget for 1952 is over-subscribed ithout taking into account loose colctions and support from organizaons. Rev. Corwin H. Olds is pastor.

PETALUMA — A very successful llection of clothing for Korea has een made with cooperation from busiess people in transportation and eaning. Rev. Herbert C. Gans, the astor, has served unofficially as the ader in this effort for the whole mmunity.

ORINDA—In each issue of the imeographed parish paper, Rev. Fred . Morrow is giving a condensed seron, 2½ minutes of reading time.

CONCORD, HILLCREST — The new building is being used. The lay visitation under the direction of Dr. Ira Black is making the new church its headquarters, and dinners are being served in the well appointed kitchen. Dedication is scheduled for February 17. The contractor, Mr. F. C. Kirkham, pushed through the construction in remarkably short time, considering inclement weather. This young church is not depending entirely on denominational help. Thirty-seven hundred dollars has been pledged by the people for local expenses and $8,600 for the building fund. The men of the church have been doing the painting. Rev. Robert Carlson, the pastor, will have a well equipped church office.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST — In order to adequately reach the parish, districts have been arranged in accordance with postal zones. Each district has an operating committee composed of the deacons living in that area plus representatives of various auxiliary organizations. In January a neighborhood party was held in each district. The church came through the year with a small deficit but with greatly increased strength in every department. The membership now stands at 831. Rev. William E. McCormack presided at the meetings of the Board of Home Missions in Cleveland.

BERKELEY, SOUTH—During the past year the parsonage mortgage has been reduced by more than $2,000 and now stands at $1,150. Nearly $1,200 was contributed to various benevolent causes. Necessary repairs have been made to the properties. The Women's Fellowship paid a pledge of $500 to the church and have provided dishes and silver to serve 100 persons. Membership now stands at 350. The staff of ministers includes John Charles Mickle, Fred S. Stripp, and Ernest W. Houlding.

OROVILLE—A lovely brass altar set given in memory of a soldier killed in action was dedicated on December 30. More than $1,000 was cleared in the annual holiday fair. The college-age group was organized in the fall, and more recently the high-school group is fostering the organization of a junior-high group. A number of excellent improvements have been made to the building. Rev. Charles M. Spencer is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST—Rev. Vere V. Loper was the speaker at the famous Chicago Sunday Evening Club on January 27 and on the day following spoke at the Minnesota Pastors' Conference in Minneapolis. He brought a brief but vital message at the Missions Council dinner at Cleveland after having attended a special meeting at the Pentagon in Washington to which he had been invited through the urgency of chaplains.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH—Eleven new members were received on January 15. At the annual meeting reports indicated a very substantial sum in the treasury in spite of the fact that during the year two new roofs were installed and the heating system revamped. Rev. Philip G. Murray is pastor.

SAN JOSE — After months of search, this church has called as minister of Christian education Miss Pepronia Merjanian. Miss Merjanian was originally from Beirut. She has studied at Columbia University and Hartford School of Theology. She has two Master's degrees.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN—In spite of exceedingly bad weather, the building fund campaign under the leadership of Rev. George G. Dowey was a great success. A goal of $50,000 had been set, a tremendously large goal for a young church. As Pacific goes to press, $30,000 has been raised, and it is felt by the leaders that with the remaining people to be seen, $40,000 may be realized. It has been a great spiritual experience for the church. Not less than one month from the closing of the building fund campaign, the church will follow the leadership of Rev. Ira Black in a visitation evangelism effort. For Rev. Mary Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester, the pastors, there have been many weeks of tremendous effort but with great results.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR —A bequest of $1,000 was received during the past year. New memorial windows have been installed and a lovely apartment for the custodian has been furnished. Rev. and Mrs. J. H. McCartney were presented with a silver wreath at the annual meeting with a hundred $1.00 bills cleverly worked into the "foliage." Reports at the annual meeting were very encouraging, showing more than $14,000 having been disbursed during the past year and a budget adopted for the new year of an equal amount. Sixty-four new members were received during the past year and five were removed.

MARTINEZ—In spite of eliminating inactive members from the roll, the 73 new members of the year brought the total to 503. The 9:30 service seems to be meeting a real need. The attendance at the 11:00 o'clock service has been reduced somewhat, but the total for both services is well over that of the single service a year ago. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is planning a class for church membership. A fund is growing for a memorial chancel in memory of Rev. Nels F. Sanderson.

GUERNEVILLE—This church has called Rev. Harold W. Robinson, and he began work on January 27. Mr. Ralph Jeffs felt that he could no longer carry the work and do justice to his studies at PSR, so the church called Mr. Robinson. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were for 30 years valued and respected missionaries in China. They will bring to Guerneville and our Conference splendid strength of leadership.

SAN FRANCISCO, PILGRIM—During 1951 the church increased in membership by 25 per cent. Attendance at worship has doubled. In cooperation with St. John's Church, a program of visitation evangelism will be followed under the leadership of Rev. Ira D. Black of New York. The pastor, Rev. Karl E. Olson, now has a well equipped office in which to work.

BERKELEY, NORTH—Seven new members have been received into the church. A committee of ten members has been appointed to plan for the 60th anniversary of the church. Rev. Williston Wirt is pastor.

RIPON—It has been observed that if attendance keeps swelling an adjoining room will have to be opened into the sanctuary. Rev. C. W. Kirkpatrick exchanged pulpits recently with Rev. Frank B. Loper of Modesto.

EUREKA—The parsonage paint job is paid for and there is a start toward the completion of the painting of the church. The benevolence goal of $1500 was reached. Rev. James P. Senter is pastor.

MODESTO—With the availability of natural gas, transfer has been made from the so-called "bottled" gas. The first wedding in the church building has been held. The enrollment of the Church School is growing. The effort of Rev. Frank B. Loper and his people has been concentrated in preparation for the campaign of personal evangelism under the leadership of Rev. Ira D. Black of New York. A community bulletin is being published by the church, and in the January issue a very careful statement was made so that the people living in the neighborhood might understand exactly who was sponsoring the church, what was required to launch it, and something of the future prospects.

SAN MATEO—On some Sundays, at the 11:00 o'clock service, the gallery is filled, and people sitting on the steps. At the 9:30 service the sanctuary is about two-thirds full. A "World Friendship" library has been opened and dedicated. It contains adult devotional reading, children's books, and leadership training aids, all of which carry out the World Friendship theme. Eight new members were received on January 13. Rev. Terence Stoker is promoting snow trips for some of the youth groups, as well as the inter-denominational student group. Rev. Benton S. Gaskell attended the Mid-Winter Meetings at Cleveland.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER—One hundred fifteen new members were received for the year. Thirty-seven thousand dollars had been raised which included a sum for new roof and painting. Four hundred are enrolled in the church school. There are 15 women's groups, 9 friendship clubs, and 2 men's clubs. The church cooperated heartily in a city-wide campaign of visitation evangelism. Rev. Torrance Phelps and Rev. Orval S. Clay are the ministers.

NILES—The church school has a new filmstrip and slide projector, and at least two Sundays out of the month visual aids are used by one of the departments. More than 600 families received personal Christmas greetings from the church by members of the Pilgrim Fellowship in personal delivery. Rev. Alfred Paul Focht works assiduously in his parish, having made 150 visits in a recent month.

BENICIA—The main building of the church has been re-roofed. The Upper Bay Pilgrim Fellowship was entertained by the Benicia group on January 26, and on the 27th the Benicia young people met with the Martinez PF'ers for the evening meeting. Rev. C. Theodore Gustafson is pastor.

PORTERVILLE — Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter, great leader of our Congregational fellowship, is to be the speaker at the Lincoln's Day Dinner for men. Dr. Potter is former moderator of the General Council, and former president of the American Board. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

REDWOOD CITY — Three panel discussion groups are following thru the Council for Social Action Draft Statement. A confirmation class, led by Rev. Gale W. Engle, is being enlisted. A new constitution has been adopted and is in use.

TRINITY COUNTY—Church attendance continues to show great increase over previous years, this in spite of weather including real snowstorms. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Girdner are pastors.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

There will be no Federation meeting in February.

The next regular meeting will be held in First Church, Oakland, on Wednesday, March 19, 1952. The Women's Rally of the Bay Association will be held in conjunction with this meeting. Bay Association women, please make a special note of this on your calendar. Please note change of date.

January Meeting

As the Federation women met at the First Congregational Church in Oakland on January 17, their president, Mrs. W. Bayard Buckham, was on her way to Cleveland to attend the Midwinter meetings. Mrs. Gail Cleland, Vice-President, presided.

ABBY M. F. GOODSELL

Since our last meeting, Mrs. Dennis Goodsell, Third Vice-President for many years, had passed to her reward, and Mrs. Chester Marliave, of the North Congregational Church in Berkeley, conducted a memorial service in her honor. Mrs. Goodsell would have been 96 years old had she lived a few days longer. She was graduated from Oberlin and came to California in the late 1800's. Her faith, her strength, and her interest in all things that had to do with the spreading of the Kingdom of God have been a constant inspiration and example for all who knew her.

Mrs. Marliave quoted appropriate lines from William Cullen Bryant's "To a Waterfowl," and in closing said she felt sure Mrs. Goodsell would not want us to feel sad over her going "home," but would want to leave with us as her parting message the thought in a little poem she found in the December 10 issue of Advance:

O send me no lilies or roses so red;
Just be a bit kinder and gentler instead.
O gather not round me to look at my face;
Rejoice in all beauty and grace in my place.
Nor think for a moment, 'How tragic, she's dead'—
But know that I'm venturing far on ahead.
I plead for no funeral service that's sad,
Remember I'm safe in God's care and I'm glad.
So this joyous message to you I would bring:
God's love and His praises forever I sing.

MESSAGES FROM SECRETARIES

Mrs. J. H. McCartney brought the glad tidings of the largest Thank Offering in Federation history and of the gratitude of the Conference for what it means to them. It was $5,217.84, an increase of $1,245.63 over the 1950 Thank Offering. For 1952 the Thank Offering will underwrite Conference help to the Hip Wo School again, to the Modesto and the Pilgrim Congregational Community Churches, and in addition to the travel expense of the Trinity County minister. This will take half of the 1952 Thank Offering, and the other half will go toward the home and foreign projects included in the national Woman's Gift.

Mrs. Tony Zupo said Friendly Service quotas will be out this spring giving the local groups more time to fill them. Good used clothing can be a continuous project for Korea, for Grant's Hospital, or any of our home missionary schools where they have Thrift Shops.

Mrs. Henry Sax, speaking for good reading, gave a ten-minute review of Terry and Don Allen's "Doctor in Buckskin," the life story of Dr. Marcus Whitman and his wife, Narcissa, early American Board missionaries to the Indians in the Oregon territory.

Mrs. Charles Ward suggested the study in small groups of the new booklet, "Christian Action for a World in Crisis." She introduced Mrs. Charles Randlett, who told of the Council for Social Action institutes with Rev. Francis McPeek, of the Council for Social Action, as leader.

Mrs. Lewis Taylor reminded us of the World Day of Prayer observed by all denominations on the first Friday of Lent, which is February 29 this year. She also invited Federation women to the Interdenominational Missionary Tea to be held on Friday, March 28, at 2:00 p. m., at the Baptist Divinity School in Berkeley.

Mrs. Harold Avery introduced Miss Methone Wood, a missionary of the London Missionary Society in China since 1908. She has taught at Yenching College since 1916, leaving China in July, 1951. After a stay in Honolulu, she arrived in San Francisco on January 6. From here she will go to Claremont to visit friends and then on to New York and home to Wales. She spoke particularly of the last three years in China under the Communist regime and told how the communists used their own missionary statistics as propaganda against America. She said the Chinese Christians of China are now called upon to prove their own Christianity without the encouraging presence of their missionary friends and without money from mission boards. They need now as never before the prayers of their Christian friends around the world, and Miss Wood feels she still has a great work to do to tell her story wherever she is given the opportunity and enlist the prayers of her hearers.

Mrs. James Price resigned as Recording Secretary for she is soon moving to Southern California. It seemed fitting that as a farewell she should bring the devotional message for the day. She read from the Psalms, and then asked us to remember through all our concern which so often turns to worry and frustration that this is still God's world. With His help we can calm our fears, lessen our tensions, solve our problems, and carry on constructively the work we have to do.

The luncheon period, as always, was a time for happy fellowship with introductions of sixteen women who had never attended a Federation meeting before. Several who had served on the Board in the past but who had been absent for some little time were greeted affectionately. Among these were Mrs. Gauthier of Berkeley, Mrs. Esther Ludlow of Petaluma, and Mrs. Lance Barden of Orinda. Women of the Bethany Armenian Church of San Francisco and from San Rafael were welcomed.

The afternoon session was held in the Social Hall where Mrs. Harry Drobish gave a most interesting talk about the people and places in Europe which were visited by a group of 27 people under the guidance of Director Ray Gibbons of the Council for Social Action. The group was in Europe six weeks and heard sixty-six talks by people of different countries and of various walks of life. They were in England before the Conservative Party came into power again, and they were in Berlin at the time of the great Youth Festival. They saw and heard of the seemingly insurmountable problems facing the people of all the countries. They spent an hour with Pastor Niemoller who opposes the rearmament of Germany. They felt the reaction to the Marshall Plan was that the people were intellectually grateful but emotionally resentful. The pictures Mrs. Drobish showed were beautiful in some instances and in others showed the sad effects of war and destruction.

Dates of Rallies

The Women's Rallies in all of the Associations are the next items of interest after the World Day of Prayer on February 29. The dates for the rallies are as follows:

March 6—San Joaquin.
March 10—Redwood Empire.
March 12—Central at Stockton.
March 14—Sacramento.
March 17—Upper Bay.
March 18—Santa Clara.
March 20—Bay Association in conjunction with the regular Federation meeting at the First Congregational Church of Oakland.

Miss Mary W. Hurlbut of the West Central Africa Mission will be the guest speaker.

March 28 — Interdenominational Missionary Tea at the Baptist Divinity School, Berkeley.

June—Spring Session at Cazadero.

THANK OFFERING

The women of our churches certainly deserve the highest praise for their accomplishment in raising a total of $5,200 by means of their Thank Offering in 1951. This money is credited on the apportionment, since it goes for regular work within the budgets of the Conference and the Boards, but it does not appear as a credit to local churches. For many years the women have wanted their Thank Offering to be an "over and above" sum in order to give Our Christian World Mission an extra lift. Therefore, in the church-by-church report appearing in another column it is all included in the last item, but Pacific is happy to print the list of the names of the churches participating and the amounts given by each in comparison with that of a year ago. In behalf of the Boards, the Conference, and the projects, our heartiest thanks!

	1950	1951
Alameda	$ 80.00	$68.00
Alturas	7.00	21.22
Angels Camp	28.42	——
Antioch	51.03	45.21
Auburn	20.60	29.72
Benicia	31.02	21.30
Berkeley, Arlington Ave.	38.17	41.00
First	177.56	170.00
North	66.23	65.00
South Community	72.28	64.43
Campbell	60.52	60.81
Cedarville	——	6.04
Cloverdale	22.80	17.00
Cotati	15.22	21.32
Crockett	10.00	——
El Cerrito, Mira Vista	——	31.58
Eureka	89.55	148.54
Fairfax	13.00	15.00
Ferndale	13.20	20.00
Fowler	34.66	36.45
Fresno, First	197.50	177.05
Pilgrim Armenian	16.78	20.00
Guerneville	46.42	26.19
Hayward	80.00	184.13
Lodi, First	91.30	131.92
Loomis	9.70	29
Martinez	56.50	96
Modesto	——	25
Niles	——	5
Oakland, Bethany Armenian	5.00	5
First	286.23	330
Fruitvale	35.05	39
Japanese	5.00	5
New Pilgrim	30.58	27
Plymouth	195.00	198
Orinda	——	171
Oroville	50.00	50
Pacific Grove	51.00	50
Palo Alto	128.90	141
Paradise	46.12	62
Penngrove	7.55	11
Petaluma	61.73	63
Pittsburg	53.70	43
Port Chicago	12.74	21
Porterville	58.60	81
Redwood City	102.00	126
Rio Vista	56.00	77
Ripon	70.10	118
Sacramento, Oak Park	15.00	10
Pioneer	164.39	185
Sierra Arden	——	78
San Carlos	94.95	112
Salida	19.01	21
San Francisco, Calv. Arm.	22.75	23
First	100.69	102
Grace United	21.75	29
Pilgrim	20.00	21
Park Presidio	9.95	7
San Jose	51.37	193
San Leandro	111.66	163
San Lorenzo	27.39	45
San Mateo	217.75	220
Santa Cruz	76.93	326
Santa Rosa	7.50	24
Saratoga	148.87	133
Sebastopol	21.55	31
Sonoma	20.60	54
Soquel	15.00	22
Stockton	66.27	84
Sunnyvale	36.85	30
Sunol	——	15
Tulare	26.16	25
Weaverville	27.00	24
Woodside	64.06	30
	$3,972.21	$5,217

PESCADERO — New windows ar being provided, a new chimney ha been built, and plans are under wa for a new roof on the social hall. M Joseph Krueger is pastor.

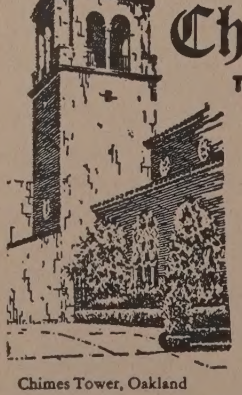
ALAMEDA — A movement ha been set on foot for the purchase o a new organ, and various groups ar planning activities for the raising o money for that purpose. Rev. Franci P. Randall is pastor.

AUBURN—January 6 saw a grea victory in this church, perhaps greate than has been seen for many years with 28 new members. Rev. William F. Keeney is pastor.

MIRA VISTA — This church i participating in a campaign of visita tion evangelism under the leadershi of Rev. Ira D. Black. Rev. Giffor M. Webster is pastor.

CAROL JEAN KEENEY

Carol Jean, daughter number 4 came to join her three sisters and he mother and daddy in the parsonage o the church at Auburn on Decembe 23, 1951. Her last name is Keeney and her daddy is known as Bill.



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